

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 1:19-CR-559
Plaintiff,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
v.)	
DEEPAK RAHEJA,)	JOINT MOTION OF THE
GREGORY HAYSLLETTE,)	PARTIES FOR ENTRY OF AN
FRANK MAZZUCCO,)	AMENDED PROTECTIVE
BHUPINDER SAWHNY,)	ORDER
Defendants.)	

NOW COME the Parties in this matter (the United States, Gregory Hayslette, Frank Mazzucco, and Bhupinder Sawhny),¹ by and through their undersigned counsel, and collectively move this Court for the entry of an Amended Protective Order. The reason for this motion is that certain health care institutions have received subpoenas issued on behalf of Defendant Sawhny for the production of certain materials that contain protected Health Information, as defined in the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). A copy of the subpoena issued to Express Scripts, Inc. is attached hereto at Exhibit 1 for reference. Each of the several subpoenas issued to various health care institutions contains the identical three document requests. Certain health care institutions (*e.g.*, CareSource, Express Scripts, Inc., and CaremarkPCS Health LLC) have objected to the current Protective Order entered by the Court as not

¹ An attempt to obtain Defendant Deepak Raheja's consent to join in this motion was sought last week. On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, counsel for Defendant Raheja filed a motion to withdraw as counsel. (Doc. #85.)

being HIPAA compliant, specifically with respect to 45 CFR § 164.512(e)(1)(v). Certain health care institutions have provided responsive documents under the current protective order. An Amended Protective Order that is HIPAA compliant is sought in order that the balance of subpoenaed materials may be obtained in advance of and in preparation for trial.

HIPAA permits health care institutions to disclose patient information in the course of judicial proceedings if certain conditions are satisfied. Specifically, HIPAA makes provision for the disclosure of patient information “[i]n response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process” if the party seeking the information has made reasonable efforts to secure a qualified protective order from the court. 45 CFR § 164.512(e)(1)(ii). A qualified protective order must prohibit the parties from using or disclosing the patient information for any purpose other than the litigation for which the information was requested. 45 CFR § 164.512(e)(1)(v)(A). The current protective order complies with that requirement. However, a HIPAA compliant protective order must also require that any information so disclosed be either returned to the health care institution or destroyed upon conclusion of the litigation. 45 CFR § 164.512(e)(1)(v)(B). The proposed Amended Protective Order complies with this requirement under HIPAA.

Accordingly, the parties jointly move for the approval and entry of an Amended Protective Order. A copy of the proposed Amended Protective Order is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 27, 2020, a copy of the foregoing **Joint Motion for Leave to File Amended Protective Order** was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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